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SUBJECT: AUGUST 13 AND JULY 25 INCIDENTS IN

SOUTH CORRIDOR

REF: USBERLIN 1661 DTG 161400 AUG 75

1. SUMMARY: AGREED ALLIED ORAL STATEMENT DELIVERED TO  
SOVIETS IN BASC AUGUST 18. AS REGARDS JULY 25 AND  
AUGUST 13 INCIDENTS SOVIET BASC REP SAID NO DANGEROUS  
APPROACHES OF AIRCRAFT OCCURRED. BOTH ALLIED AND SOVIET  
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CONTROLLERS AGREED ON IMPORTANCE OF MAINTAINING GOOD

RELATIONS IN BASC. END SUMMARY.

2. BASC CHIEF CONTROLLERS MET AT 1000 LOCAL AUGUST 18 FOR 20 BUSINESSLIKE MINUTES. US CHIEF MADE ORAL STATEMENT (USBER 1661). STATEMENT WAS ACCEPTED BY SOVIET ACTING CHIEF CONTROLLER KOSTIN WHO STATED HE WOULD RELAY IT TO HIS AUTHORITIES.

3. AS REGARDS TWO RECENT INCIDENTS KOSTIN STATED THAT US WOULD RECEIVE OR ALREADY HAD RECEIVED REPLY ABOUT BOTH INCIDENTS FROM SOVIET EMBASSY. HE ELABORATED THAT AS RESULT OF VERY CAREFUL AND COMPLETE SOVIET INVESTIGATION OF BOTH INCIDENTS, INCLUDING PHOTOS OF RADAR SCREENS AND OTHER TECHNICAL ANALYSIS, SOVIET AUTHORITIES HAD CONCLUDED THAT IN NEITHER CASE WERE AIRCRAFT CLOSER THAN 500 METERS. HE HAD READ ALL PERTINENT QUADRIPARTITE DOCUMENTS ON BERLIN AIR REGIME AND FOUND NONE PROHIBITED FLIGHTS BY SOVIET AIRCRAFT. US CHIEF CONTROLLER SAID THAT WAS TRUE, BUT IN CORRIDORS RULES WERE FOR ALL, NOTING THAT QUADRIPARTIE RULES OF FLIGHT REQUIRED AIRCRAFT CROSSING CORRIDORS TO PROVIDE FLIGHT PLAN OR TO CROSS AT RIGHT ANGLES AT APPROPRIATE ALTITUDE, AND THAT ACROBATICS AND RECKLESS FLYING WERE PROHIBITED.

4. KOSTIN STATED THAT SOVIETS WOULD LIKE TO KEEP BASC RELATIONS GOOD AND NOTED THAT EXCHANGES OF STATEMENTS WERE UNPLEASANT. US CHIEF CONTROLLER AGREED, OBSERVING THAT THIS WAS ONE OF POINTS OF ALLIED STATEMENT JUST GIVEN.

5. KOSTIN ALSO MADE REFERENCE TO SEVERAL MINOR ERRORS MADE BY BRITISH DUTY CONTROLLER AUG 17. ALLIES WERE AWARE OF THESE PRIOR TO KOSTIN'S REMARK, BUT SOVIET AND BRITISH DUTY CONTROLLERS HAD IMMEDIATELY RESOLVED MATTER BEFORE OPERATIONAL PROBLEMS AROSE.

6. USCOB CONCURS. GEORGE

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